

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication, at page 5 of the Office Action, that claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-28 and 30 are allowable.

Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action, beginning at page 3, claims 6 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2004/0213014 to Koike ("Koike").

In the Office Action, beginning at page 4, claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Koike in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,654,629 to Bezos *et al.* ("Bezos").

Summary of Response to Office Action

In response to the June 1, 2009 Office Action, Applicant cancels claims 6, 19 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 6 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Koike. The Office Action also rejects claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Koike in view of Bezos *et al.* The rejections are respectfully traversed.

As described above, by this Amendment, claims 6, 19 and 24 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot. Therefore, allowance of the remaining claims, claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-23, 25-28 and 30 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of this patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If the patent examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of this patent application to issue, they are invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. If, however, additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees necessitated by this paper, and to credit all refunds and overpayments, to our Deposit Account listed on Applicant's initial application filing transmittal document.

Respectfully submitted,

Cermak Kenealy Vaidya & Nakajima LLP

By: /Ajit J. Vaidya/
Ajit J. Vaidya
Registration No. 43,214

U.S.P.T.O. Customer Number 39083
Cermak Kenealy Vaidya & Nakajima LLP
515 E. Braddock Rd., Suite B
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

703.778.6607 (v)
703.652.5101 (f)

Date: **December 1, 2009**